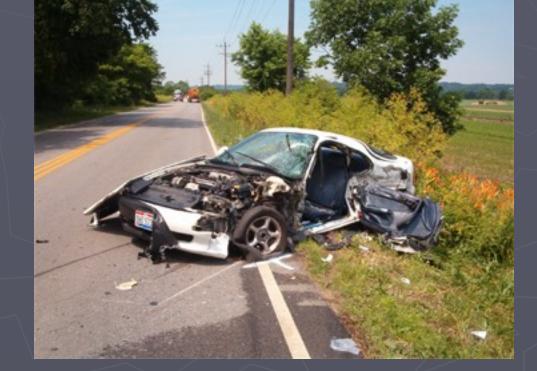
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Drugs





Statistics

- In 2006, 13,470 people were killed in traffic crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with an illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.
- The picture for motorcycle operators is particularly bleak. Thirty-six percent of the 4,933 motorcycle operators who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2006 had BAC levels of .08 or higher.

CRITICAL

Driver

- Watch out for cars that zigzag across lanes or make wide turns. Be wary of erratic driving such as rapid braking and accelerating, or delayed responses to traffic signals.
- Be alert to drivers moving in a straight line at an angle to the direction of the road or who swerve dangerously close to the curb or objects along the road.
- Watch out for cars driving with headlights off at night, that drive 10 mph or more below the speed limit, or that follow too closely.
- Beware of drivers whose signals are inconsistent with their actions.

What to do if you spot an impaired driver

- Stay clear of the suspected drunk driver.
- Jot down the car's license plate number and vehicle description and call the police at the number designated for you state (i.e. 911, *SP, #77) on your cellular phone. Report location, the car's direction of travel and the driver's behavior.
- Let the authorities handle the situation.

How to Avoid Driving While Impaired

- Plan ahead. Designate someone responsible to drive who will not be drinking or take a taxi to and from the bar – if your car's not there, you can't drive it!
- Read medicine bottles to see if there are any side effects such as drowsiness or dizziness.
- Give your car keys to someone responsible before you start drinking. Tell them not to give them back.
- Keep the phone number for a friend or relative, or for a taxi service, in your pocket so you can gall in the event you are too impaired to drive.

CRITICAL

Scenario #1

You have been taking pain medication for a pulled muscle that causes drowsiness. All day, you have had a difficult time staying awake. Quitting time comes. As you and your coworkers head out the door you realize you can barely keep your eyes open. It's a fifteen mile commute to your home and none of your coworkers live in your area. What should you do?



Scenario #2

You go out to dinner with some friends. Each of you drives separate vehicles. You don't have anything to drink, but they do ... more, in fact, than they had originally planned. Dinner ends and you all prepare to go to a movie. It's only a few miles to your destination and they aren't staggering drunk, but you are aware that they may have had too much. What do you do?



Points to Ponder

- If you recognize that someone should not be driving due to an impairment and you don't take action to stop them, you are partially responsible if they get in an accident.
- How would you feel if your inaction resulted in the death of your co-worker, a friend, or an innocent bystander? It's something you would have to live with for the rest of your life.

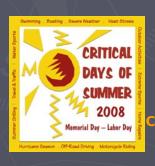
Did You Know...

You can be arrested for DUI if found stopped or asleep in your car, on the side of the road and your keys are left in the ignition. (To alleviate this from happening, place keys in the glove compartment, or out of reach of the driver's seat.)

You cannot be arrested for DUI for riding a bicycle or driving a golf cart, but you can be arrested for drunk in public.

What do these people have in common?

- Mickey Rourke, actor
- Lane Garrison, "Prison Break" actor
- Rebecca DeMornay, actress
- Daniel Day Kim, "Lost"
- Gary Collins, TV Host
- Keifer Sutherland, "24"
- Mike Tyson, Boxer
- Lindsey Lohan, actress
- Ty Pennington, "Extreme Home Makeover"
- Paris Hilton, actress



What do they have in common?

All of them were arrested in 2007...for DUI related offenses.



Summary

- Don't drink and drive.
- Establish a designated driver before going out drinking.
- Know the dangers involved in drinking and driving.

Think before you drink.